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PATENT APPLICATION

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Re App : Rodney W. Salo et al. : May 11, 2006
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For : CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM WITH OPTIMIZATION OF
CARDIAC PERFORMANCE USING HEART RATE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, in the above-captioned patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Respectfully submitted,

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